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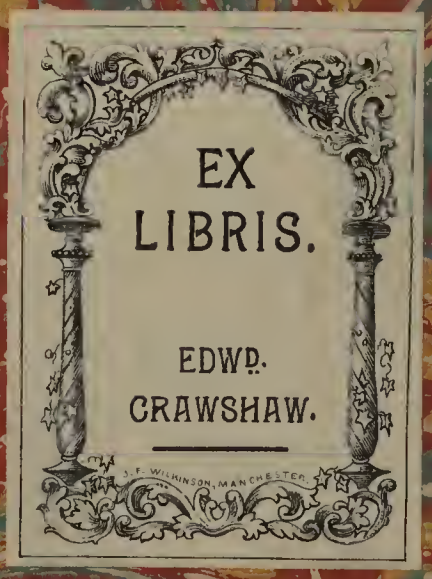

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Incestuous

This Table is signed by Henry Compton Bishop of London about 1675; who died 1731. He was youngest son to Spencer 2d Earl of Northampton; a Bishop under Charles II, James II, and William.

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INCESTUOUS MARRIAGES,

OR,

Relations of Consanguinity and Affinity hindering and dissolving *Marriage*, as making all *Marriages* within such *Relations* to be Incestuous, and all Children begotten of such *Marriages* to be Illegitimate, or Bastards to all intents and purposes.

I. *CONSANGUINITY.*

COnsanguinity, Kindred, or Blood, hinders and dissolves Marriage between three, or (taking two of them double) five Relations.

1. Where one of the persons is descended from the other, that is, *Parents* and *Children*, viz. { *Father* and *Daughter*. / *Mother* and *Sonne*.
2. Where both persons are descended immediately from a third, that is, ——————— *Brother* and *Sister*.
3. Where one of the persons is descended from the *Brother* or *Sister* of the other: For these are *Loco Parentum & Liberorum*, in place of *Parents* and *Children*, viz. ——————— { *Uncle* and *Neece*. / *Aunt* and *Nephew*.

Hence, by reason of Consanguinity, no Man may marry his own *Mother*, *Daughter*, *Sister*, *Aunt*, or *Neece*.

And, by the same reason, no Woman may marry her own *Father*, *Son*, *Brother*, *Uncle*, or *Nephew*.

II. *AFFINITY*,

AFfinity depends upon Consanguinity, and so in like manner hinders and dissolves Marriage, *viz.*

In what Relation a Man may not marry his *own Kinswoman*, in the same he may not marry his *Wifes Kinswoman*, or his *Kinsmans Wife*. And by the same reason,

In what Relation a Woman may not marry her *own Kinsman*, in the same she may not marry her *Husbands Kinsman*, or her *Kinswomans Husband*. The reason of both is, because Husband and Wife are one Flesh, *Gen.* 2. 24.

Hence, by reason of *Affinity*, no Man may marry his *Wifes Mother*, or his *Fathers Wife*: his *Wifes Daughter*, or his *Sonnes Wife*: his *Wifes Sister*, or his *Brothers Wife*: his *Wifes Aunt*, or his *Uncles Wife*: his *Wifes Neece*, or his *Nephews Wife*.

And by the same reason, no Woman may marry her *Husbands Father*, or her *Mothers Husband*: her *Husbands Sonne*, or her *Daughters Husband*: her *Husbands Brother*, or her *Sisters Husband*: her *Husbands Uncle*, or her *Aunts Husband*: her *Husbands Nephew*, or her *Neeces Husband*.

Where 1. Under the names of *Father*, *Mother*, *Sonne*, *Daughter*, *Uncle*, *Aunt*, *Nephew*, and *Neece*, are comprehended and understood, not onely they who are such in the immediate or next Degree, but also they who are such in any Degree whatsoever: that is to say, *Grand-father*, *Grand-mother*, *Grand-sonne*, *Grand-daughter*, *Great Uncle*, *Great Aunt*, *Great Nephew*, *Great Neece*, &c. upward and downward *in infinitum*.

2. Under the names of *Brother*, *Sister*, *Uncle*, *Aunt*, *Nephew* and *Neece*, are comprehended and understood, not onely they who are such by whole Blood, that is, both by *Father* and *Mother*, but also they who are such by half-blood, that is, either by *Father* or *Mother*.

All these Prohibitions are briefly set forth to the Eye in this following *Table*.

CONSANGUINITY.	*AFFINITY.*	
A No Man may marry his *own* 1 *Mother*, *Grand-mother*, &c. 2 *Daughter*, *Grand-daughter*, &c. 3 *Sister*. 4 *Aunt*, *Great Aunt*, &c. 5 *Neece*, *Great Neece*, &c.	C No Man may marry his *Wifes* 1 *Mother*, *Grand-mother*, &c. 2 *Daughter*, *Grand-daughter*, &c. 3 *Sister*. 4 *Aunt*, *Great Aunt*, &c. 5 *Neece*, *Great Neece*, &c.	E No Man may marry the *Wife* of his 1 *Father*, *Grand-father*, &c. 2 *Sonne*, *Grand-sonne*, &c. 3 *Brother*. 4 *Uncle*, *Great Uncle*, &c. 5 *Nephew*, *Great Nephew*, &c.
B No Woman may marry her *own* 1 *Father*, *Grand-father*, &c. 2 *Sonne*, *Grand-sonne*, &c. 3 *Brother*. 4 *Uncle*, *Great Uncle*, &c. 5 *Nephew*, *Great Nephew*, &c.	D No Woman may marry her *Husbands* 1 *Father*, *Grand-father*, &c. 2 *Sonne*, *Grand-sonne*, &c. 3 *Brother*. 4 *Uncle*, *Great Uncle*, &c. 5 *Nephew*, *Great Nephew*, &c.	F No Woman may marry the *Husband* of her 1 *Mother*, *Grand-mother*, &c. 2 *Daughter*, *Grand-daughter*, &c. 3 *Sister*. 4 *Aunt*, *Great Aunt*, &c. 5 *Neece*, *Great Neece*, &c.

All these Relations of *Consanguinity* and *Affinity* are prohibited Marriage

1. By the *Leviticall Law*, or Law of God, either in expresse terms, or (which is all one) by divers necessary consequences, from likeness, parity, or majority of Reason: which is as much as a man is forbidden to marry his own *Grand-mother*, or his own *Daughter*. For neither of these is there forbidden in expres terms, but both evidently by divers necessary Consequences.

2. By the *Civil* or *Imperiall Law*, in divers expres Texts of the *Digest*, *Code*, and *Institutes*.

3. By the *Canon Law*.

4. By the *Ecclesiasticall Lawes* of the Church of *England* in all Ages: Particularly, since the *Reformation*, in the Table set forth by Authority, 1563. confirmed and commanded to be set up in all Churches by the 99th *Canon* 1603.

5. By severall Statutes or Acts of Parliament in this case provided: Particularly, by that very Statute 32 *H.* 8. *Cap.* 38. which is the onely Statute objected against us; and by that very Clause of that Statute, which is chiefly insisted upon, *viz.* [That no reservation or prohibition, Gods Law except, shall trouble or impeach any Marriage Without the Levitical Degrees.] Which plainly imports, that all Marriages *Within the Leviticall Degrees* (as all these are) shall be troubled and impeached, though there were no exception against them by any other Law of God.

6. By the Lawes of all other Churches in the Christian World, of what Countrey, Government, or Perswasion in Religion soever they be.

Lastly, whereas this whole Table consists of 30 Prohibitions, distinguished into six Classes by *A. B.* for *Consanguinity*, *C. D. E. F.* for *Affinity*, and every Clas into five Prohibitions, by 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. They are so ordered and disposed, that they mutually explain and inferr one another above 100 wayes: So that grant any one of them, and grant all; Deny one, and deny all.

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